



Wenatchee Parks and Recreation

Policy & Procedure

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to establish a code of conduct for the use of public trails.

2.0 General Rules

- 2.1 Speed of Travel. No person shall travel on a trail at a speed greater than ten miles per hour unless otherwise designated.
- 2.2 Negligent Use. No person shall travel in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any persons or property.
- 2.3 Signs. Every person traveling on a trail shall obey the instructions of posted traffic control devices unless otherwise directed by a police officer.
- 2.4 Types of Use. All trails are open to non-motorized users unless otherwise designated and posted. Pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians are permitted on all maintained soft surface trails unless otherwise posted and designated.
- 2.5 Code of Conduct. Every person who shall use or travel on a trail shall obey the following trail user code of conduct.
 - A. Using a Trail. Every person using a trail shall stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe, excepting those movements necessary to prepare to make or make turning movements, or while overtaking and passing another user moving in the same direction.
 - B. Regard for Other Trail Users. Every user shall exercise due care and caution to avoid colliding with any other trail user. All users shall travel in a consistent and predictable manner.
 - C. Groups on Trail. No group of trail users, including their animal(s), shall occupy more than one half of the trail as measured from the right side, so as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of trail users.
 - D. Audible Signal When Passing. Every user shall give an audible warning signal before passing another trail user. The signal must be produced in such a manner as to allow adequate time for response. The signal may be given by voice, bell or horn.

- E. Overtaking Trail Users on the Left. Any trail user overtaking another trail user proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left of such overtaken user at a safe distance, and shall stay to the left until safely clear of the overtaken user.
 - F. Entering and Crossing Trail. Trail users entering or crossing the trail at uncontrolled points shall yield to traffic on the trail.
 - G. Lights on Trail Users. All bicyclists using the trail from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour before sunrise shall equip their bicycles with a headlight visible 500 feet to the front, and a red or amber light visible 500 feet to the rear.
 - H. Regard for Equestrian Users on Trail. Trail users shall exercise extreme caution to prevent frightening horses with sudden noise or movement and shall always yield right of way to horses and warn equestrian users when approaching from behind and attempting to pass.
 - I. Regard for Adjacent Property Owners. Trail users should respect private lands adjacent to City trails and should stay on trails to avoid trespassing on or interfering with adjacent private property.
- 2.6 General Park Rules. General park rules and regulations shall apply to all trail users.

3.0 Procedures

- 3.1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will review the above listed rules as needed and recommend changes as needed.
- 3.2 The Parks and Recreation Department will promote the rules and code of conduct through signage, press releases, education programs and other means.
- 3.3 Trail use designations will be based on the park master plan, resource conservation, trail user conflicts, maintenance issues, and safety hazards.